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Applicant: Caron, et al. Art Unit: 1793

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Title : METHOD FOR TREATING TUNGSTEN CARBIDE PARTICLES

## Mail Stop Amendment

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## REPLY TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION OF JANUARY 25, 2011

In reply to the Office Communication of January 25, 2011, Applicant submits a copy of the following references as requested:

Klaer et al., "Optimization of the Microstructure of Cemented Carbide Grades for Hot Rolling Applications", P/M Science & Technology Briefs, vol. 1, no. 4, (1999), pp 5-9; and

K. Tsubouchi et al., "Development of a wear-resistant surface layer for a tool to be used for high-temperature stainless steel rolling", Proc. Instn. Mech. Engrs., vol. 213 Part J (1999), pp 473-480.

A prompt and favorable office action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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